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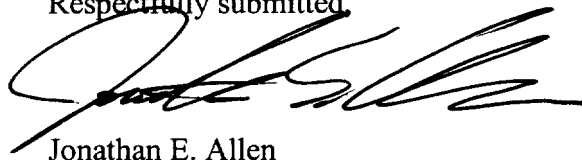
Re: Vox New York, LLC  
WHTR(FM) (Facility ID No. 64620), Corinth, NY  
WFFG-FM (Facility ID No. 49716), Hudson Falls, NY  
**Petition for Rule Making**

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed on behalf of Vox New York, LLC, are an original and four (4) copies of a Petition for Rule Making filed pursuant to Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules in connection with the above-referenced stations.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions concerning this matter.

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Table of Allotments	)	MM Docket No. 01-
FM Broadcast Stations	)	RM -
(Corinth, Hudson Falls, and Scotia, New York)	)	

To: Chief, Allocations Branch  
Policy and Rules Division  
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**PETITION FOR RULE MAKING**

**VOX NEW YORK, LLC**

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## **SUMMARY**

This Petition for Rule Making, which is filed on behalf of Vox New York, LLC, (“Vox New York”) requests changes to the FM Table of Allotments that will facilitate the introduction of a first local service in Scotia, New York. The changes also would permit a facilities upgrade to an existing station and would increase service to a substantial segment of the public. Specifically, this petition proposes the deletion of channel 228A at Corinth, New York, and the allocation of channel 229A to Scotia, with a modification of the license for WHTR(FM) to reflect the new community of license. This petition also proposes the deletion of channel 296A at Hudson Falls, New York, the reallocation of that channel to Corinth, and the modification of WFFG-FM’s authorization to reflect the new community of license. The proposed channel substitutions represent a preferential arrangement under the Commission’s FM allotment priorities because they will provide a first local service to Scotia and Corinth will retain a first local service. Accordingly, Vox New York urges the Commission to issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in connection with this Petition.

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**Petition for Rule Making**

1. Vox New York, LLC (“Vox New York”), licensee of WHTR(FM), Corinth, New York, and WFFG-FM, Hudson Falls, New York, by its counsel, hereby submits this Petition for Rule Making filed pursuant to Section 1.420(i) of the Commission’s rules.<sup>1</sup> Vox New York seeks to amend Section 73.202(b) to improve these stations by changing their communities of license and by providing improved service to the public. As shown below, these improvements would constitute a preferential arrangement under the FM allotment priorities and would result in improved and significant service commensurate with the public interest. In support thereof, the following is hereby shown:

**Technical Compliance**

2. The instant Petition proposes modifying the FM Table of Allotments to delete the allotment of channel 228A at Corinth and to add an allotment for channel 229A at Scotia, New York. The Petition also proposes to reallocate the allotment of channel 296A at Hudson Falls to

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<sup>1</sup> This Petition reflects the call-sign changes recently granted by Commission for WFFG-FM (Facility ID No. 49716) and WHTR(FM) (Facility ID No. 64620), which became effective January 1, 2001.

Corinth. These changes will require modification of the current authorization of WHTR(FM) to change the community of license from Corinth to Scotia, as well as modification of the current community of license for WFFG-FM from Hudson Falls to Corinth.

3. The attached Engineering Statement demonstrates that the proposed allotments comport with the Commission's spacing rules, that they are mutually exclusive with the present allotments and that they will provide 70 dBu coverage to the principal communities associated with the new allotments.<sup>2</sup> Furthermore, the Engineering Statement shows that the proposed allotments will retain five or more aural services in the loss areas.

#### **Community of License – Scotia, New York**

4. Vox New York seeks to change its authorized community of license for WHTR(FM) from Corinth to Scotia by proposing the deletion of the current allotment of channel 228A at Corinth and by proposing an allotment of channel 229A at Scotia. Vox New York respectfully submits that Scotia is entitled to a preference as a first local service pursuant to Commission precedent.

5. As an initial matter, petitioners seeking to change community of license pursuant to Section 1.420(i) must submit a proposed channel that is mutually exclusive with the existing channel, and the new community must be preferred over the existing community pursuant to the Commission's allotment priorities. See Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License, 4 FCC Rcd 4870 (1989), recons. granted in part, 5 FCC Rcd 7094 (1990). The Engineering Statement demonstrates the requisite mutual exclusivity by showing that the proposed allotment of channel

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<sup>2</sup> See Engineering Statement of Robert M. Smith, Jr., attached as Exhibit 3 ("Engineering Statement").

229A at Scotia conflicts with the current allotment of channel 228A at Corinth and that the proposed allotment of channel 296A at Corinth conflicts with the current allotment of channel 296A at Hudson Falls. Furthermore, because the proposal introduces a first local service into Scotia (which constitutes a Priority (3) under the FM allotment priorities set forth in Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures, 99 FCC 2d 88 (1988)) and retains Corinth's first local service by moving WFFG-FM to Corinth, the proposed arrangement is preferable to the present allocations, which are at best Priority (4) ("Other public interest matters").<sup>3</sup> Thus, the instant proposal meets the threshold requirements for obtaining a change in the community of license.

6. In considering whether to grant a preference as a first local service to a suburban community, the Commission has stated that the most important consideration is the suburban community's independence from the central city. See, e.g., Pitkin, Lake Charles, et al., DA 00-2057 (2000).<sup>4</sup> The Commission considers eight factors in assessing a community's independence for purposes of adjudging the need for local service: 1) the extent to which the community's residents work in the larger metropolitan area, rather than in the specified community; 2) whether the community has its own newspaper or other media that covers the community's local needs and interests; 3) whether community leaders and residents perceive the specified community as an integral part of, or separate from, the larger community; 4) whether the specified community has a local government and elected officials; 5) whether the specified community has its own local telephone book or zip code; 6) whether the community has its own commercial establishments, health facilities and transportation systems; 7) the extent to which

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<sup>3</sup> The FM allotment priorities are (1) First fulltime aural service; (2) Second fulltime aural service; (3) First local service; and (4) Other public interest matters. Co-equal weight is given to Priorities (2) and (3).

<sup>4</sup> The Commission also considers two additional criteria, which are discussed in more detail *infra*: the relative size and proximity of the suburban community to the Urbanized Area and the signal coverage to be provided to the Urbanized Area.

the specified community and the central city are part of the same advertising market; and 8) the extent to which the specified community relies upon the larger metropolitan area for various municipal services, such as police, fire protection, schools and libraries. See Faye and Richard Tuck, 3 FCC Rcd 5374 (1988). The following information is presented to demonstrate Scotia's independence and to show the need for local service based on the Tuck factors. An analysis of these factors demonstrates that although Scotia is located in the Albany/Troy/Schenectady Urbanized Area, Scotia an independent community.

***Scotia Offers its Residents Significant Employment Opportunities***

7. Scotia's population is 7,359 persons according to 1990 data from the United States Census Bureau. See Exhibit 1. Scotia businesses employ more than 1,580 persons, and prominent Scotia employers include retail businesses like K Mart, Peter Harris Clothes, Ideal Office Center, CVS Pharmacy, restaurants like Pizza Hut, Subway and Scotia Diner; and professional office services like State Farm Insurance. Id. The most recent available U.S. Census data reports that 576, or about 16 percent, of Scotia workers age 16 and over work in Scotia. Id.

***Scotia Residents and Government Leaders Clearly Consider Scotia To Be Separate from Surrounding Communities***

8. Several factors clearly demonstrate that Scotia's residents and government leaders consider Scotia to be distinct from the communities that surround it. Scotia residents have initiated efforts to improve their local community by undertaking a planning study in an effort to improve business on Scotia's main street – Mohawk Avenue. See Exhibit 1. Scotia residents celebrate their local identity through its sponsorship of local cultural attractions and events. Id.

***Scotia Has a Zip Code and a Local Telephone Book***

9. Two post offices are located in Scotia, which is associated with Zip Code 12302. See Exhibit 1. Scotia and Glenville also share a telephone book and yellow pages separate from the Albany, Troy and Schenectady directories.

***Scotia is Served by a Local Newspaper and Other Media, and Businesses Seeking to Reach Scotia Residents Need Not Rely on Media based in Albany, Troy or Schenectady.***

10. Scotia constitutes a separate advertising market for purposes of the Tuck analysis. The *Scotia-Glenville Journal* provides coverage of local events and public affairs for Glenville and for Scotia. Thus, businesses seeking to reach Scotia residents may advertise in the *Journal* and need not rely on media outlets in Albany, Troy or Schenectady. The Town of Glenville also publishes periodically the “Glenville Newsletter with Village of Scotia News,” which highlights issues of local interest to Scotia residents. See Exhibit 1; see also [www.townofglenville.org/glenvill.htm](http://www.townofglenville.org/glenvill.htm).

***Scotia Has a Significant Number of Local Businesses and Health Facilities***

11. More than 20 Scotia businesses demonstrate the local nature of their trade by using “Scotia” in their name: Mobil of Scotia, Scotia Cinema, Scotia Diner, Scotia Lanes, Scotia Motel, Scotia Motors Dodge Inc., Scotia Shoe Repair, Scotia Storage Co. and Scotia Sunoco Mart. See Exhibit 1. The First National Bank of Scotia also operates in the village. Id.

12. Scotia has no hospital, but many doctors have established practices in the village, including family practitioners, general practitioners and dentists. Id. In addition, several clinics and home health services are available to Scotia residents and seniors. Id.



### ***Scotia Has its Own Local Government and Elected Officials***

13. Scotia's government includes a mayor and a village board who oversee day-to-day village affairs. The Scotia government employs almost 50 workers, including a clerk, a historian and a justice.

14. Scotia is a self-sufficient community in terms of many of the services it provides to its residents. Scotia's clerk reports that Scotia provides residents with public works, parks and recreation and water and sewer services, and Scotia purchases power and natural gas from Niagara Mohawk. The police force employs 13 officers. Eleven full-time firefighters and 35 full-time volunteers serve on the Scotia Fire Department, which recently purchased a new "pumper" that operates at 1,500 gallons per minute. See Exhibit 1.

15. U.S. Census Bureau data indicate that more than 1,000 students attend one of Scotia's public schools, all of which are located within the village's boundaries. See Exhibit 1. Scotia contains several preprimary, elementary and high schools, both public and private. Id.

### ***Other Considerations for First Local Service***

16. Satisfaction of the Tuck factors is sufficient for the Commission to determine that a proposed community is entitled to a preference as a first local service. See, e.g., Headland, Alabama and Chattahoochee, Florida, 10 FCC Rcd 10352 (1995). However, the Commission also analyzes two additional considerations in adjudging these petitions. First, the Commission considers the extent to which the station will provide service to the entire nearby Urbanized Area. The Commission also considers the relative populations of the suburban and central city. As demonstrated in the Engineering Statement, the proposed 70 dBu contour for the allotment at Scotia will cover less than 25 percent of the Albany/Troy/Schenectady Urbanized Area. The

proposed net gain of 354,545 persons and 720 square kilometers receiving 60 dBu service from the allotment is in the public interest. Moreover, the proposed loss area will contain at least five aural services.

17. With regard to relative size and proximity, Scotia's 1990 population of 7,359 constitutes approximately 1.5 percent of the 1990 population of the Albany/Troy/Schenectady Urbanized Area (509,196). See Exhibit 1. This percentage exceeds percentages approved by the Commission in other proceedings. See, e.g., Ada, Newcastle and Watonga, Oklahoma, 22 FCC Rcd 16896 (1996) (0.9 percent). The Mohawk River separates Scotia from Schenectady, and Albany and Troy lie approximately 14 and 16 miles from Scotia, respectively.

#### **Community of License – Corinth, New York**

18. Vox New York seeks to change its authorized community of license for WFFG-FM from Hudson Falls to Corinth by proposing the deletion of the current allotment of channel 296A at Hudson Falls and by proposing an allotment of channel 296A at Corinth. Corinth's qualifications as a community for allotment purposes are clearly evidenced by the fact that channel 228A is currently allocated to Corinth and licensed to WHTR(FM) accordingly. Corinth has a population of 2,760 persons, according to 1990 Census Bureau data. See Exhibit 2. Corinth is home to several doctors and clinics that provide general and specialized medical services. Id. Several elementary schools and middle schools and one high school are located in Corinth. Id. Corinth has a Mayor, Police Department, Fire Department and Post Office. Id.

### Conclusion


The instant Petition proposes the following changes to the FM Table of Allotments:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Scotia, NY	---	229A
Corinth, NY	228A	296A
Hudson Falls, NY	269A, 296A	269A

In the event the Commission makes the proposed changes to the FM Table of Allotments, Vox New York will timely file the necessary application for a construction permit for the new stations and will construct the new facilities in a timely manner.

This proposal serves the public interest by permitting Vox New York to improve two of its stations and to provide significant coverage increases. Scotia would receive its first local services, and 354,545 more people would receive 60 dBu service. Vox New York is confident that this proposal can be implemented with a minimal impact on Commission resources. For these reasons, approval of this proposal is respectfully requested.

**WHEREFORE, FOR THE FOREGOING REASONS,** Vox New York, LLC respectfully requests that the Commission issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in connection with the proposal outlined in this Petition for Rule Making and modify Section 73.202(b) accordingly.



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# Exhibit 1

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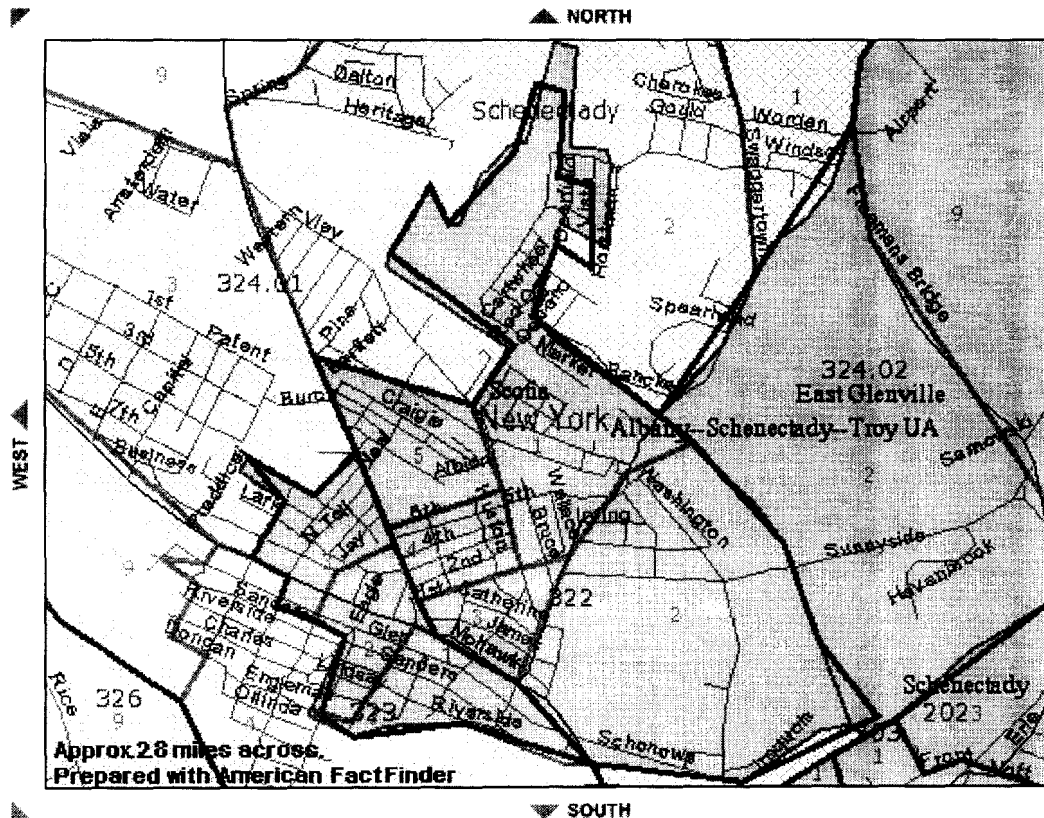
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**1990 US Census Data**  
Database: C90STF3A  
Summary Level: State--Place

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**Scotia village: FIPS.STATE=36, FIPS.PLACE90=65893**

**URBAN AND RURAL**

*Universe: Persons*

**Urban:**

Inside urbanized area.....7359

Outside urbanized area.....0

**Rural:**

Farm.....0

Nonfarm.....0

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Select one of the following matches to your query to look at that place in the Tiger Map Browser or retrieve 1990 Census tables.

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- **Scotia, NY** (village)  
Population (1990): 7359  
Location: 42.83200 N, 73.96084 W  
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**Geographic Area: Scotia village, New York**

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We have modified some data to protect individuals' privacy, but in a way that preserves the usefulness of the data.

Subject	Number
<b>Total population</b>	<b>7,359</b>
<b>SEX</b>	
Male	3,394
Female	3,965
<b>AGE</b>	
Under 5 years	564
5 to 17 years	1,293
18 to 20 years	245
21 to 24 years	323
25 to 44 years	2,483
45 to 54 years	662
55 to 59 years	279
60 to 64 years	331
65 to 74 years	594
75 to 84 years	445
85 years and over	140
Under 18 years	1,857
65 years and over	1,179
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>	
<b>Total households</b>	<b>3,046</b>
Family households (families)	1,954
Married-couple families	1,546
Other family, male householder	73
Other family, female householder	335
Nonfamily households	1,092
Householder living alone	977
Householder 65 years and over	505
Persons living in households	7,312
Persons per household	2.40
<b>GROUP QUARTERS</b>	
Persons living in group quarters	47
Institutionalized persons	47
Other persons in group quarters	0
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN</b>	
White	7,209
Black	60



American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	6
Asian or Pacific Islander	71
Other race	13
Hispanic origin (of any race)	84
<b>Total housing units</b>	<b>3,176</b>
<b>OCCUPANCY AND TENURE</b>	
Occupied housing units	3,046
Owner occupied	2,058
Renter occupied	988
Vacant housing units	130
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	12
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.0
Rental vacancy rate	2.8
Persons per owner-occupied unit	2.65
Persons per renter-occupied unit	1.87
Units with over 1 person per room	22
<b>UNITS IN STRUCTURE</b>	
1-unit detached	2,011
1-unit attached	54
2 to 4 units	682
5 to 9 units	145
10 or more units	234
Mobile home, trailer, or other	50
<b>VALUE</b>	
<b>Specified owner-occupied housing units</b>	<b>1,758</b>
Less than \$50,000	90
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,364
\$100,000 to \$149,999	257
\$150,000 to \$199,999	24
\$200,000 to \$299,999	16
\$300,000 or more	7
Median (dollars)	84,100
<b>CONTRACT RENT</b>	
<b>Specified renter-occupied housing units paying cash rent</b>	<b>952</b>
Less than \$250	154
\$250 to \$499	676
\$500 to \$749	117
\$750 to \$999	3
\$1,000 or more	2
Median (dollars)	377
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>	
<b>Occupied housing units</b>	<b>3,046</b>
White	3,003
Black	24
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	2
Asian or Pacific Islander	12
Other race	5
Hispanic origin (of any race)	22

(X) Not applicable

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 1 (100% Data)

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## Scotia, NY \*

## Table 1. Statistics by Economic Sector

1997 Population: 7,423

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[Excludes data for auxiliaries. Data in this table are subject to employment-and/or sales-size minimums that vary by geographic level; for more information, see help.]

\* NAICS INDUSTRIES is defined as the taxable portion of the Services sectors, the Type of Operation Totals for the Wholesale sector, and all other sectors in the Economic Census]

NAICS Industry Code	Industry Description	Number of Establishments	Number of Employees	Annual Payroll (\$1,000)	Shpmts/Sales/Recpts (\$1,000)
<b>NAICS INDUSTRIES</b>					
42	Wholesale trade	8	e	D	D
44-45	Retail trade	26	247	4,547	49,053
53	Real estate & rental & leasing	7	b	D	D
54	Professional, scientific, & technical services	10	b	D	D
56	Administrative & support & waste management & remediation serv	4	a	D	D
62	Health care & social assistance	15	361	8,099	28,932
72	Accommodation & foodservices	21	309	3,405	12,136
81	Other services (except public administration)	8	53	1,209	3,883
<b>MERCHANT WHOLESALERS</b>					
42	Wholesale trade	6	e	D	D
<b>MANUFACTURERS' SALES BRANCHES AND SALES OFFICES</b>					
42	Wholesale trade	1	b	D	D
<b>AGENTS, BROKERS, AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS</b>					
42	Wholesale trade	1	a	D	D

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1997 Economic Census

D: Withheld to avoid disclosing data of individual companies; data are included in higher level totals

N: Not available or not comparable

S: Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards

Z: Less than half the unit shown

a: 0 - 19 employees

b: 20 - 99 employees

c: 100 - 249 employees

e: 250 - 499 employees

f: 500 - 999 employees

g: 1,000 - 2,499 employees

h: 2,500 - 4,999 employees

i: 5,000 - 9,999 employees

j: 10,000 - 24,999 employees

k: 25,000 - 49,999 employees

l: 50,000 - 99,999 employees

m: 100,000 or more employees

p: 10 to 19 percent estimated

q: 20 to 29 percent estimated

r: Revised

s: Sampling error exceeds 40 percent



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1990 US Census Data  
Database: C90STF3A  
Summary Level: State--Place

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**Scotia village: FIPS.STATE=36, FIPS.PLACE90=65893**

**PLACE OF WORK---PLACE LEVEL**

*Universe: Workers 16 years and over*

Living in a place:

    Worked in place of residence.....576

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Not living in a place.....0

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### SCOTIA NY

is associated with the following ZIP Codes:	For these ZIP Codes, the city name is:	ZIP Code Type
12302	ACCEPTABLE	STANDARD

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City Name	State	For this ZIP Code, the city name is:	ZIP Code Type
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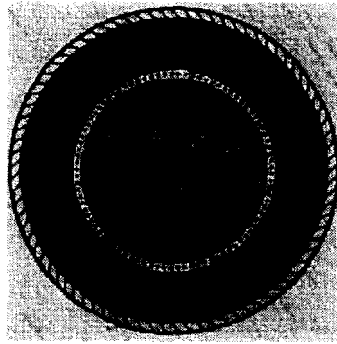
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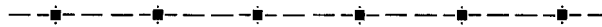
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## Town *of* Glenville



The Glenville Newsletter is printed 3 times per year. This newsletter, although dated, is on this website to familiarize new residents with the Town of Glenville and the happenings in Glenville and the Village of Scotia. We expect to issue the next newsletter in early November.

# the Glenville Newsletter

## with Village of Scotia News



*Supervisor Clarence Mosher*

## **Supervisor's Message**

During my first three months in office, I have gained practical experience and learned a great deal about how government, and in particular, the town of Glenville works. A more gradual learning curve would have been nice, but Glenville is an exciting town, with many good things happening. As a result, I've remained very busy, with the new sewer project started on Freemans Bridge Road, the new Glenville Senior Housing Project, the proposed Glenville Energy Park, the Town Center initiative, and many more proposals coming before the town. With each new activity comes the necessary discussion of the issues and merits of these proposals. I welcome this discussion as an essential part of the public process, and as the cornerstone of open government.

Though not everyone may always agree with the decisions that are made, I guarantee that your input aids us in each decision. We welcome your comment

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## **New Zoning Ordinance Nears Completion**

The Town of Glenville's new draft zoning ordinance will be available for public review in early May. Consisting of both text and a new zoning map, the zoning ordinance, in conjunction with the town's Comprehensive plan, is the key determinant of where and how the town will grow (or not grow) over the next 15 to 20 years.

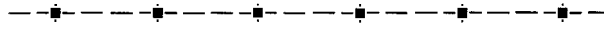
As the existing ordinance and map were completed in 1978, and with changes in NYS zoning statutes and court decisions, the need to update Glenville's zoning ordinance is great.

The new ordinance will completely overhaul the existing ordinance, including the creation of new districts, such as:

- Riverfront Recreation/Commercial
- Suburban Residential
- Public Park Lands
- Airport
- Professional/Residential

Environmental analysis and public review of the new zoning ordinance and map

is expected to take at least six months, and copies of the draft are available through the Planning Department at the Municipal Center. Please call ahead (384-0106) to ensure that copies are available. Public hearings will also be held, and notice of these hearings will be widely circulated.

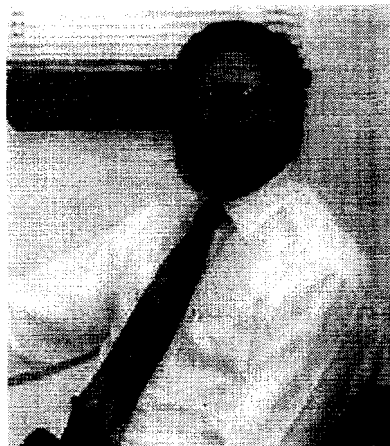
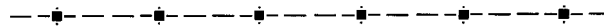


## Tax Collection News

Several residents took advantage of the option to pay town and county taxes by credit card during their recent collection.

That option will also be available for the school tax collection in September. The town is also considering allowing water fees, court fees, and dog licenses to be paid by credit card.

There is no fee charged to the town for this service; the individual pays the fee. Contact the tax office for further information.



*Bill Lawrence*

## Computer Services

William J. Lawrence began working for the Town of Glenville in January, in the position of Director of Information Technology. This is a half time, shared position with the Town of Niskayuna.

Mr. Lawrence is responsible for managing the town's computer systems, developing a web page, and ultimately, other areas of business technology, such as phone systems, etc.

Mr. Lawrence has moved to Glenville, where he lives with his wife and three children. Welcome Bill!

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### **Hazardous Waste Collection**

A household hazardous waste collection day will be held at the Schenectady County Airport on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

This service is free to Schenectady County residents.

Materials should be brought in their original containers, with their original labels.

Detailed information is available through the Schenectady County Planning Department at 386-2225.

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### **Wal-Mart Project**

The "Glenville Crossing" project, which includes a Wal-Mart, is undergoing further review and revisions due to the discovery of additional federal wetlands on the 34-acre parcel. The wetlands will remain undisturbed, however building, parking and road locations will need to be changed. A new road will be constructed between Freemans Bridge Rd. and Route 50 to access the site.

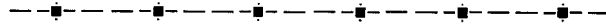
The town should complete its review of the revisions in May, with construction anticipated by summer.

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### **Name the Road**

A contest to name the new road that will access the Wal-Mart site, will be held among 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders in the Scotia-Glenville School District. A savings bond or similar prize will be

awarded to the winner.



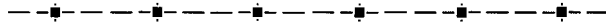
## Parks

Indian Meadows Park will gain two major improvements this year.

The BH-BL Junior Baseball League field project is progressing, and will be completed this year. The result will be a four field complex, with a concession stand and improved parking.

This project has been a cooperative effort between the BH-BL League, the town and the county.

Also, after years of piecing together trail segments with the assistance of Eagle Scout projects, a perimeter trail will be completed. This trail will be a smooth, level surface that will link many of the park's facilities. Thanks, Eagle Scouts!



## Town Center Plan

The town has been awarded a \$35,000 grant from the Capital District Transportation Committee to fund a *Town Center Master Plan*.

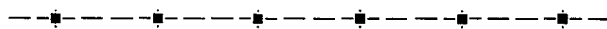
The *Town Center* study area is in the Route 50/Glenridge Rd. corridor, and was first proposed in the town's Comprehensive Master Plan, completed in 1990.

The purpose of a town center is to provide an identity to the business center of the town, and to set standards for infrastructure and community amenities.

Elements of the plan include:

- Coordination of transportation modes, including pedestrian, bicycle, transit and automobile.
- Land use plans for sewer expansion and a network of connector roads.
- Open space designation, and connections to the Alplaus Kill.
- Development of urban design standards, such as landscaping, signage, building facades, and streetscapes.

Work on the plan will begin this summer, and there will be numerous opportunities for input from the public and local businesses.



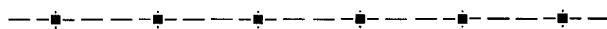
### **Greens Corners School**

The town's sole historic property, the Greens Corners One Room School received 220 visitors this past year.

"What a beautiful treasure from years ago", one visitor wrote in the guest book.

Adrienne Karis (372-6314), who volunteers to manage the school, is in need of volunteers to help with the numerous tasks involved with its care.

It will be open in July and August on weekend afternoons, and thereafter by appointment. All are welcome!



*Jim Danker-Highway Dept. Employee*

### **Highway Department**



The town's Highway Department recently completed painting and refurbishing most of the Glenville Municipal Center's interior. As well, they will be maintaining the town's parks this year for the first time.

In personnel news, Deputy Superintendent Simon Schermerhorn has retired, with Jeff Gemmette having been appointed by Superintendent Andy Coppola to replace him.

Also, Mike Visco has been hired to the position of laborer, with Ken Martin hired as mechanic.

Lastly, due to snow removal problems during this past winter's storms, a local law was enacted which prohibits parking on town roads between 3:00AM and 6:00AM, from October 15<sup>th</sup> through April 31<sup>st</sup>. This was necessary due to snowplows being unable to clear the roads for the morning commute.

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### Senior Center News

A new class has been added to the many already offered, computer instruction for seniors.

If you haven't yet seen the center or received a mailing of the "Digest", call 374-0734 to do so.

The Glenville Senior Center is a cooperative effort between the town, the Scotia Glenville Senior Citizens, Inc., and the Noon Meal Site, operated by Catholic Charities.

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